

# DAKOTA DOWNLOAD

Governor Burgum's weekly update | June 22, 2018



## SANFORD CELEBRATES NEW HOSPITAL

Lt. Gov. Brent Sanford joined city officials and community members on Friday for the ribbon cutting of the new McKenzie County Healthcare System hospital in Watford City. The new \$76.3 million facility features 24 inpatient rooms, nine emergency bays and a helipad. As mayor of Watford City, Sanford helped break ground on the facility in 2014, a result of nearly 20 years of preparation and effort by community leaders. The Bank of North Dakota, USDA Rural Development, local sales tax and private donations provided funding for the project.

# BURGUM, SANFORD HIGHLIGHT CONCERNS WITH CORPS

Gov. Doug Burgum on Thursday urged the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers to clearly and promptly communicate changes in releases from Garrison Dam, and to take the necessary steps to prevent flooding as much as possible, as the Corps announced it will step up releases to 60,000 cubic feet per second (cfs) by Saturday, raising the river in Bismarck to within 1.5 feet of flood stage. Burgum stressed the critical importance of strong communication and river system management during briefings from Col. John L. Hudson, commander of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers' Omaha District, and Garrison Dam Operations Manager Todd Lindquist.



# CLINT HILL HONORED AT PBR



Retired U.S. Secret Service agent and Washburn native Clint Hill was honored last Friday at the PBR Bull Riding Challenge in Bismarck. Hill served five presidents and was among the first agents to respond to the Nov. 22, 1963, assassination of President John F. Kennedy in Dallas. Gov. Burgum helped honor Hill in front of an appreciative crowd with a belt buckle from the PBR, thanking him for his lifetime of service. This year marks the 18th year of the PBR in Bismarck.

# STRATEGIC REVIEWS CONCLUDE



Friday marked the end of strategic budget reviews, capping off a weeklong effort to better understand how state government can more effectively budget tax dollars and improve efficiency and impact by working collaboratively across agencies. More than 50 cabinet and non-cabinet agencies participated in the meetings attended by Gov. Burgum, Lt. Gov. Sanford, governor's office staff, Office of Management and Budget staff and others. The reviews were outlined by Burgum in his strategic budget direction in April.



## GERHART THANKED FOR SERVICE

Friday capped off a 26-year career with the North Dakota Highway Patrol for Superintendent Michael Gerhart. Colleagues, family and friends, along with Gov. Burgum, joined Col. Gerhart for a retirement party at the Capitol to celebrate his service to the state. Gerhart announced in March his intention to retire from the department. In May, Burgum appointed Maj. Brandon Solberg to serve as the department's next superintendent.